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PATIENTS' PROSTHETIC APPLIANCES

1. It has been brought to the attention of the Theater Surgeon by the Surgeon General that there are being returned to the United States from overseas theaters patients whose artificial dentures have been lost during evacuation through various medical installations.

2. Statements from these patients indicate that in numerous instances dentures were removed prior to operative surgery, and were not returned previous to evacuation.

3. As the replacement of these lost prosthetic appliances constitutes an unnecessary load upon the Dental Service, it is suggested that a check system be instituted in all medical installations whereby the return of dental prosthetic appliances to patients is assured prior to evacuation.

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